



Public Charter High School

FACT SHEET

MISSION

Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter High School prepares students to succeed in college and to actively engage in our democratic society.

ABOUT THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY

- **Enrollment** (in grades 9–12, SY08–09): 377
- **Free & Reduced Lunch Eligibility** (SY08–09): 70%
- **Average Academic Skills of 9th graders entering school:** 5th–6th grade range
- **Test Scores:** TMA made AYP in reading and math in 2008. Our scores are over three times higher than other neighborhood public high schools
- **Daily Attendance Rate** (SY08–09): 93%
- **Percent of Graduating Seniors Accepted to College** (SY08–09): 100%
- **Location:** In 2005, Thurgood Marshall Academy moved into the school's permanent home—a \$14.5 million renovation of a vacant, century-old community landmark: the Nichols School property adjacent to the Anacostia Metrorail station

THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY'S PROGRAM

- ***“Wrap around” education and youth development model*** serves students who arrive at Thurgood Marshall Academy with unique educational and social needs for intensive academic remediation, basic instruction about how to learn (from study skills to classroom behavior), and activities that foster civic participation.
- ***Thurgood Marshall Academy's law-themed curriculum*** teaches not only basic academic skills but also high-order, law-related skills such as using evidence to support an argument, conducting research, synthesizing information, and making presentations. Students take classes such as Street Law and participate in law related extracurricular activities. Instructors also use law as a teaching tool across the curriculum.
- ***Small class size*** ensures individual attention.
- ***Extended day, week, and year programming*** provides the intensive support students require to achieve academically, think critically, and develop into civic-minded individuals; programs include:
 - *Academic tutoring* by volunteers from the professional community;
 - *Personalized mentoring* by adult role models;
 - *College access programming* such as one-on-one guidance counseling and SAT prep;
 - *Full-time youth development staff* providing in-school and after-school supplemental programs;
 - *Summer Prep* mandated for five weeks in the summer for incoming students; and
 - *Parent involvement*, such as parent/community workshops on financing college.
- ***Resources support achievement***—Thurgood Marshall Academy garners the resources needed to sustain services that go above and beyond those of a typical high school. More than 50 partners in the legal, business, education, philanthropic, nonprofit, and government communities provide funding, volunteers, and in-kind goods and services.